

B1 (Official Form 1) (04/13)

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division				Voluntary Petition	
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Dotson-Clayborn, Terry			Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):		
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):			All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):		
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) /Complete EIN (if more than one, state all): 1587			Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) /Complete EIN (if more than one, state all):		
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): 2122 Bluestem Pkwy Lynwood, IL			Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):		
ZIPCODE 60411-8548			ZIPCODE		
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook			County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:		
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):			Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):		
ZIPCODE			ZIPCODE		
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):					
ZIPCODE					
Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.) <hr/> Chapter 15 Debtor Country of debtor's center of main interests: <hr/> Each country in which a foreign proceeding by, regarding, or against debtor is pending: <hr/>		Nature of Business (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other <hr/> Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable.) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code).		Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding <hr/> Nature of Debts (Check one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts.	
Filing Fee (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (Applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.		Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,490,925 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/16 and every three years thereafter). <hr/> Check all applicable boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).			
Statistical/Administrative Information <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.					THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY
Estimated Number of Creditors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 100,000					
Estimated Assets <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 million to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 million to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion					
Estimated Liabilities <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 to \$500,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 to \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 million to \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 million to \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 to \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 to \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$1 billion					

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Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): Dotson-Clayborn, Terry	
All Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet)			
Location Where Filed: None	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
Location Where Filed:	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Name of Debtor: None	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
District:	Relationship:	Judge:	
Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> X 8/27/15 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date </div>	
Exhibit C Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Exhibit D (To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. If this is a joint petition: <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached a made a part of this petition.			
Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue (Check any applicable box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.			
Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes.) <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.) <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> _____ (Name of landlord that obtained judgment) </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> _____ (Address of landlord) </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).			

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):

Dotson-Clayborn, Terry

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under Chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X  **Terry Dotson-Clayborn**

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

August 27, 2015

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only **one** box.)

☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached.

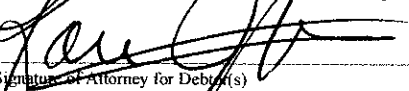
☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X _____
Signature of Foreign Representative

Printed Name of Foreign Representative

Date

Signature of Attorney*

X  _____
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

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August 27, 2015

Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: 1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; 2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h) and 342(b); and 3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security Number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X _____
Signature

Date

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

B1D (Official Form 1, Exhibit D) (12/09)

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

IN RE:

Case No. _____

Dotson-Clayborn, Terry

Debtor(s)

Chapter 7

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☐ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 14 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the seven days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]*

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

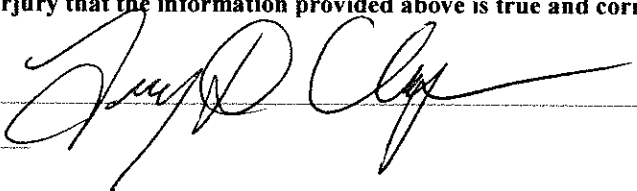
☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: 

Date: **August 27, 2015**

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

IN RE:

Case No. _____

Dotson-Clayborn, Terry

Chapter 7

Debtor(s)

CHAPTER 7 INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENTION

PART A – Debts secured by property of the estate. (Part A must be fully completed for **EACH** debt which is secured by property of the estate. Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Property No. 1	
Creditor's Name: Greentree Servicing	Describe Property Securing Debt: 12938 Penn Station Ct # 23, Orlando, FL 32821-7801
Property will be (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Surrendered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retained	
If retaining the property, I intend to (check at least one): <input type="checkbox"/> Redeem the property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaffirm the debt <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain _____ (for example, avoid lien using 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)).	
Property is (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Claimed as exempt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not claimed as exempt	

Property No. 2 (if necessary)	
Creditor's Name: PNC	Describe Property Securing Debt: 2122 Bluestem Pkwy, Lynwood, IL 60411-8548
Property will be (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surrendered <input type="checkbox"/> Retained	
If retaining the property, I intend to (check at least one): <input type="checkbox"/> Redeem the property <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirm the debt <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain _____ (for example, avoid lien using 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)).	
Property is (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claimed as exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Not claimed as exempt	

PART B – Personal property subject to unexpired leases. (All three columns of Part B must be completed for each unexpired lease. Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Property No. 1		
Lessor's Name:	Describe Leased Property:	Lease will be assumed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Property No. 2 (if necessary)		
Lessor's Name:	Describe Leased Property:	Lease will be assumed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

1 continuation sheets attached (if any)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above indicates my intention as to any property of my estate securing a debt and/or personal property subject to an unexpired lease.

Date: August 27, 2015

/s/ Terry Dotson-Clayborn

Signature of Debtor

Signature of Joint Debtor

CHAPTER 7 INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENTION
(Continuation Sheet)

PART A – Continuation

Property No. 3	
Creditor's Name: Santander Consumer USA	Describe Property Securing Debt: 2015 Honda CR-V
Property will be (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Surrendered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retained If retaining the property, I intend to (check at least one): <input type="checkbox"/> Redeem the property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaffirm the debt <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain _____ (for example, avoid lien using 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)). Property is (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claimed as exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Not claimed as exempt	

Property No.	
Creditor's Name:	Describe Property Securing Debt:
Property will be (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Surrendered <input type="checkbox"/> Retained If retaining the property, I intend to (check at least one): <input type="checkbox"/> Redeem the property <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirm the debt <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain _____ (for example, avoid lien using 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)). Property is (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Claimed as exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Not claimed as exempt	

Property No.	
Creditor's Name:	Describe Property Securing Debt:
Property will be (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Surrendered <input type="checkbox"/> Retained If retaining the property, I intend to (check at least one): <input type="checkbox"/> Redeem the property <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirm the debt <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain _____ (for example, avoid lien using 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)). Property is (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Claimed as exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Not claimed as exempt	

PART B – Continuation

Property No.		
Lessor's Name:	Describe Leased Property:	Lease will be assumed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Property No.		
Lessor's Name:	Describe Leased Property:	Lease will be assumed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

IN RE:

Case No. _____

Dotson-Clayborn, Terry

Chapter 7

Debtor(s)

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept \$ **1,335.00**

Prior to the filing of this statement I have received \$ **1,335.00**

Balance Due \$ _____

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was: ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is: ☐ Debtor ☐ Other (specify): _____
4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
- ☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation, is attached.
5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
 - b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
 - c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
 - d. ~~Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;~~
 - e. [Other provisions as needed]

The filing fee has been paid

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above disclosed fee does not include the following services:

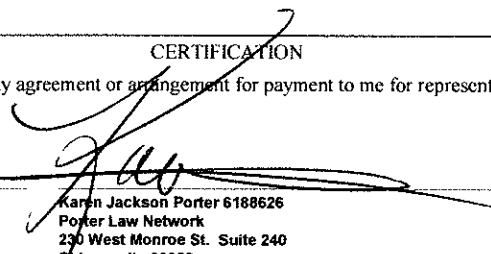
Representation in adversary proceedings

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

August 27, 2015

Date


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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER §342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice to individuals with primarily consumer debts: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case.

You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

Notices from the bankruptcy court are sent to the mailing address you list on your bankruptcy petition. In order to ensure that you receive information about events concerning your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address. If you are filing a **joint case** (a single bankruptcy case for two individuals married to each other), and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, you and your spouse will generally receive a single copy of each notice mailed from the bankruptcy court in a jointly-addressed envelope, unless you file a statement with the court requesting that each spouse receive a separate copy of all notices.

1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days **before** the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the briefing.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the course.

2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$335)

Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, the United States trustee (or bankruptcy administrator), the trustee, or creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny

your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total fee \$310)

Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1,167 filing fee, \$550 administrative fee: Total fee \$1,717)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total fee \$275)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court. The documents and the deadlines for filing them are listed on Form B200, which is posted at http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

In re _____
Debtor

Case No. _____

Chapter _____

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

Certification of [Non-Attorney] Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I, the [non-attorney] bankruptcy petition preparer signing the debtor's petition, hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Printed name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer
Address: _____

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person, or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

X _____

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer,
principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social
Security number is provided above.

Certification of the Debtor

I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

TERRY D. CLAYBORN
Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)

X  8-18-15
Signature of Debtor Date

Case No. (if known) _____

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor (if any) Date

Instructions: Attach a copy of Form B 201A, Notice to Consumer Debtor(s) Under § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Use this form to certify that the debtor has received the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) **only** if the certification has **NOT** been made on the Voluntary Petition, Official Form B1. Exhibit B on page 2 of Form B1 contains a certification by the debtor's attorney that the attorney has given the notice to the debtor. The Declarations made by debtors and bankruptcy petition preparers on page 3 of Form B1 also include this certification.

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**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES:
CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY CASE**

August 27, 2015

Terry Dotson-Clayborn
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Lynwood, IL 60411

THIS IS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING LEGAL FEES

Lawyers are required under the Rules of Professional Conduct to communicate to a client the basis for the legal fees and the hourly rates that they will charge when beginning the representation of a client. This is a binding legal contract that governs our attorney-client relationship.

Chapter 7 gives debtors important rights, such as stopping the collection efforts of creditors and discharging debt. Chapter 7 also puts burdens on debtors, such as the burden of making full and complete disclosures of their financial situation. It is important for debtors who file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case to understand their rights and responsibilities. Debtors are entitled to expect certain services to be performed by their attorneys. Debtors also have responsibilities to their attorneys. Please make sure that you read this agreement carefully and understand all its terms. Your signature at the end of this agreement is an acknowledgment that you read this agreement and understand it.

ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES

We agree to represent you in connection with a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case. We agree to provide the legal services necessary to file a chapter 7 case for you, prepare the bankruptcy schedules and statement of financial affairs, attend the meeting of creditors, assist you with your creditors and seek a chapter 7 discharge of your debts.

The legal fee for the chapter 7 case will be \$985.00. You must also pay the filing fee in the amount of \$335.00. You must pay the legal fee and the filing fee, a total of \$1320.00 before we will file the chapter 7 case for you.

We consider the legal fee an advance retainer under Illinois. We will deposit the legal fee into our operating account. We consider the legal fee for the chapter 7 bankruptcy case earned upon receipt. You have the right to request that the legal fee be placed into our client trust account. However, that request may affect the amount that we charge for your chapter 7 case.

BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED

You agree to fully cooperate with us with respect to the Chapter 7 case. You agree to provide us with full, complete and accurate information, financial and otherwise. When you file a case, you are required to completely and honestly disclose to the Court, and in documents publicly available, all the creditors that you owe and all of the property that you own.

You must list all of your creditors regardless of the status of each obligation. You must provide us with the creditor's name, complete address and the account number. If you have a balance due to a creditor, you must list the creditor. If you owe money to family members or friends, they are creditors and you must list them as creditors.

You must disclose all of the property that you own. You must disclose all real property. You must disclose your right to recovery any property, including recovery from lawsuits, tax refunds and inheritances.

You understand that we will not be able to provide adequate representation if you fail to provide us with complete and accurate information, fail to fully cooperate with us, or fail to fulfill your obligations as a Chapter 7 debtor. You further understand that your failure to provide information, to cooperate with us or to fulfill your duties during the Chapter 7 case may increase the costs of the legal services we render, or may result in the Chapter 7 case being dismissed by the Court.

We must counsel you regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures and answer your questions. We must inform you that filing a Chapter 7 case may have an adverse effect on your credit score and may impair your credit rating for as long as ten years. We must inform you that the Porter Law Network does not provide legal services relating to credit, credit reporting or credit repair. We will not be able to assist you with your credit or credit related issues that are not specifically related to the filing of the Chapter 7 bankruptcy case.

We will personally review and sign the completed petition, bankruptcy schedules, statement of financial affairs as well as amendments, whether filed with the petition or later. We will timely prepare and file your petition, schedules, statements and schedules.

AFTER THE CASE IS FILED

We will advise you of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors, and notify you of the date, time and location of the meeting. You agree to appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the section 341 meeting) with recent proof of income, a picture identification card and a social security card. You must be present in time for check-in and when your case is called for the actual examination.

You must complete a Personal Financial Management Course. This is a different course than the Consumer Credit Counseling Course that you took to become eligible to file the Chapter 7 case. There is a separate fee paid to the course provider. This course must be completed before receiving a discharge. If you complete the course after receiving a discharge, the Court will charge a fee of \$260.00 to reopen your case.

We will timely submit to the Chapter 7 Trustee properly documented proof of your income. We will timely prepare, file and serve any necessary amended statements and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by you. You will incur a fee of \$30.00 to amend your schedules. You will notify us of any change in your address or telephone number.

We will provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of your case before the Bankruptcy Court. However, we will not represent you in connection with an adversary proceeding filed against you by a creditor.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS WITH OTHERS

You may have joint debts with family members or friends such as someone that cosigned an obligation for you or someone that allows you to use their credit card. If that is the case, your filing a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case may adversely impact that person's credit or credit report. You may also have bills or debts that are not in your name but in the name of a family member or friend, such as a telephone bill or utility bill. Please be informed that the bankruptcy case and the automatic stay which stops the collection efforts of creditors applies only to the person filing bankruptcy. Therefore, the bankruptcy case will not apply to bills or debts that are not in your name. Such creditors are able to pursue collections efforts in the normal course of business.

NONDISCHARGEABILITY

We have informed you that the following types of debt may not be discharged in a Chapter 7 case: 1) federal taxes; 2) state taxes; 3) student loans; 4) alimony and domestic support obligations; 5) restitution arising out of a criminal conviction, 6) debts for death, personal injury caused while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and 7) certain fines, penalties and administrative judgments. In addition, debts and obligations affected by fraud or maliciousness or certain debts incurred in connection with property settlements arising out of a separation agreement or divorce decree are not automatically excluded from discharge. In some instances, creditors must ask the Court to determine that these debts or obligations are excepted from discharge.

We must inform you that a Chapter 7 discharge will only discharge those debts that existed before the case is filed and are properly included in the Schedules filed with the Court. If you fail to disclose a debt to us or incur new debt, neither will be discharged and you will be responsible to the creditors. If you fail to pay those creditors, you will remain subject to collection efforts.

Our legal services for this chapter 7 case do not include representing you if a creditor files an adversary proceeding to determine that a debt is not dischargeable.

CREDIT ACCOUNTS AND CREDIT REPORTING

Please be informed that we can help you to obtain relief from burdensome debts by filing a chapter 7 bankruptcy case to obtain a discharge of the debts. Bankruptcy will put in place an automatic stay to stop lawsuits, foreclosure, garnishments, repossessions and levies. However, we must inform you that filing a chapter 7 bankruptcy case will have a negative effect on your credit, credit rating, and your ability to obtain credit in the future. We do not offer credit repair services. We do not assist our clients with credit reporting issues or in obtaining credit in the future.

If you file a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, you will not be able to continue to use credit cards. Your credit card and credit accounts may be cancelled even if you have no balance due. Your creditors may no longer send you statements or restrict online access while the bankruptcy case is pending. We will not be able to assist you with such actions taken by your creditors.

FINAL MATTERS

If we believe that you are not complying with your duties under the bankruptcy law and responsibilities under this agreement we may apply for a Court Order allowing us to withdraw from the case.

Either party may terminate this agreement with or without cause at any time. The termination of this agreement will not change your obligation to pay for the legal services we have performed for you. In the event this agreement is terminated by you, we will return all files in our possession provided you have paid all outstanding legal fees and expenses.

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By: 

Karen J. Porter

Accepted and agreed to August ____, 2015

By: _____

Terry Dotson-Clayborn

Signature: Terry D. Clayborn

Terry D. Clayborn (Aug 28, 2015)

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